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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:14-CV-00954-LCB-JLW

STUDENTS FOR FAIR
ADMISSIONS, INC.,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH
CAROLINA, et al.,

Defendants.

DEPOSITION
OF
CAROL LYNN FOLT

TAKEN AT THE OFFICES OF:
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL
222 East Cameron Avenue
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Chapel Hill, NC 27514

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8:32 A.M.

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1 The witness, CAROL LYNN FOLT, being
2 first duly sworn to state the truth, the whole
3 truth, and nothing but the truth, testified as
4 follows:

5 (8:32 a.m.)

6 EXAMINATION

7 BY MR. STRAWBRIDGE:

8 Q. Good morning ---

9 A. Good morning.

10 Q. --- Ms. Folt. How are you? My name is
11 Patrick Strawbridge. I'm with the law firm of
12 Consovoy McCarthy Park. We represent Students for
13 Fair Admissions in this case.

14 Q. Could you just state your name and your
15 business address for the record?

16 A. Carol Folt. My business address is
17 South Building at the University of North Carolina
18 at Chapel Hill.

19 Q. And your title is?

20 A. Chancellor at the University.

21 Q. I just want to go over a few ground
22 rules that I'm sure your attorneys have covered.
23 Have -- have you actually ever been deposed
24 before?

25 A. I have.

1 testify about why the University uses race in
2 admissions and how it serves the University's
3 goals?

4 A. I'm not aware of the specific nature in
5 which I've been selected here. You know, I mean
6 the details of that, why I'm selected here, I
7 don't know those specifically, but I do understand
8 my role here as chancellor.

9 Q. Are you familiar with the general
10 reasons as to why the University uses race in
11 admissions?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And are you familiar with what the
14 University's goals are with the extent to its use
15 of race?

16 A. In general.

17 Q. Okay. Well, let's just -- actually, as
18 chancellor, what is your general job description?

19 A. You know, I'm the -- in a way, I'm the
20 CEO of the institution so I am the person who is
21 the outward face and I am the person through which
22 the various vice chancellors and chancellors
23 report and I have the obligations to the
24 University and then I also have obligations to the
25 system.

1 Q. And do your -- does your oversight of
2 the University extend to the admissions office?

3 A. In a general way. They don't report to
4 me directly.

5 Q. Okay. Are you familiar with what the
6 reporting line is for the admissions office?

7 A. In general.

8 Q. Okay. Can you describe that for me?

9 A. Reports up through the provost.

10 Q. Okay. So you're familiar with
11 Mr. Farmer?

12 A. Yes, I am.

13 Q. Okay. And -- and he reports directly to
14 the provost?

15 A. Yes, he does.

16 Q. And the provost is who?

17 A. James Dean.

18 Q. And then Mr. Dean reports to you?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Okay. Who do you report to?

21 A. I report to Margaret Spellings, the
22 president of the University of North Carolina
23 system.

24 Q. Okay. And then do you have any -- any
25 responsibility or at least any -- do you report to

1 the Board of Governors of the University?

2 A. I report to the president. She has the
3 Board of Governors that direct her.

4 Q. Okay. Is there a separate Board of
5 Trustees?

6 A. There is a Board of Trustees also.

7 Q. Can you tell me what the difference is
8 between the Board of Governors and the Board of
9 Trustees?

10 A. Well, the Board of Governors is the
11 actual governing body. They have certain jobs and
12 things that they give delegated authority to the
13 Board of Trustees, and the Board of Trustees does
14 those in their name.

15 Q. Okay. So do the Board of Trustees
16 ultimately report to the Board of Governors?

17 A. You know, I've never seen it described
18 as a reporting relationship.

19 Q. But -- but the -- your testimony is that
20 the Governors delegate some tasks to the Trustees.

21 A. Absolutely.

22 Q. And does it work the other way around?
23 Do the Trustees delegate anything to the
24 Governors?

25 A. No, it's ---

1 MR. SCUDDER: Object to the form of
2 the question. Go ahead.

3 A. Yeah. The Governors are in charge of
4 the University system.

5 Q. (Mr. Strawbridge) Who's responsible for
6 setting admissions policy at the University of
7 North Carolina?

8 A. The University -- the separate
9 educational entities.

10 Q. Okay. So in other words the -- the
11 admissions policy at UNC Chapel Hill is ultimately
12 set by the administration at the campus as opposed
13 to the Board of Governors?

14 A. Believe so.

15 Q. And to your understanding, why is it
16 that UNC uses race in the admissions process?

17 MR. SCUDDER: Object to the form.
18 Go ahead.

19 A. I believe and based on my experience
20 here and in the time I've been here that we use a
21 very broad holistic comprehensive approach to
22 admissions. And it has many, many factors, many
23 features. And so we use that approach to try to
24 assess each individual separately, individually
25 based on their strengths and use it to determine

1 comprehensive way.

2 Q. Are there -- are there reports generated
3 that reflect the extent to which the University
4 has achieved a critical mass?

5 A. No, I don't think we ---

6 MR. SCUDDER: Objection; same --
7 asked and answered.

8 A. Yeah, and I don't think we characterize
9 it in that -- in a simple metric like that.

10 Q. (Mr. Strawbridge) If their -- if the
11 University -- strike that.

12 In your mind, when would it be
13 appropriate for the University to stop using race
14 in the admissions process?

15 A. You know, I would turn to all of these
16 metrics and say are we achieving the best possible
17 outcomes? Are we creating a university that
18 reaches across all diverse categories as
19 representative of our capacity to be of and for
20 the people of the State of North Carolina is
21 creating the best possible outcome so that our
22 students are getting the jobs of the future.

23 That is doing -- you know, it has all of
24 those components so, you know, it'd be a
25 complicated, long analysis. People have looked at

1 determine that question?

2 MR. SCUDDER: Object to the form.

3 A. I don't believe we have a definition of
4 critical mass, and we aren't -- we don't -- I
5 don't believe we have analysis of that. I don't
6 know of anything like that.

7 Q. (Mr. Strawbridge) Is the use of race at
8 the -- in the admissions process designed to
9 achieve some critical mass of racial minorities on
10 campus?

11 MR. SCUDDER: Objection.

12 A. You know, it's one of the many criteria
13 that we use to create a situation where we think
14 that all of our students can thrive and realize
15 the educational benefits of diversity that exist
16 in the world from which they come and the world to
17 which they will be working and going.

18 Q. (Mr. Strawbridge) But to your
19 understanding, like, do you think that obtaining
20 -- or achieving a critical mass of -- of students
21 of a particular race is one of the purposes of the
22 use of race in your admissions process?

23 A. You know, I don't find that term very
24 useful because I don't know what that means.

25 Q. Is the use of race at UNC in the